



Atty. Docket No.: 05313P002

D.J.  
#7 7-16-02  
PR and H/B

In re Application for:

Sandra E. Hutchins

Serial No.: 09/759,734

Filed: January 12, 2001

For: **VARIABLE RATE SPEECH  
DATA COMPRESSION**

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Group: Not Yet Assigned

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application filed on January 12, 2001, the Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following preliminary amendments and remarks.

### IN THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At page 3, line 5, please delete "**Figure 9** illustrates a structure of a bit stream sent over a digital channel."

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 39, line 3, please delete: "To this end, with reference to the structures displayed in **Figure 9**,".

At page 39, line 3, please replace the second occurrence of the word "the" with ~~The~~.

At page 40, line 1, please delete: "laid out as illustrated in **Figure 9**."

At page 40, lines 3-4, please delete: "laid out as illustrated in **Figure 9**."